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In re Application of: )  
OSAMU KANOME ET AL. ) : Examiner: Marissa L. Ferguson  
Application No.: 10/670,566 ) : Group Art Unit: 2854  
Filed: September 26, 2003 ) : Confirmation No.: 2327  
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Sir:

Applicants having received a Notice of Allowance and Fee(s) Due form (PTOL-85), dated May 9, 2005, respectfully request acknowledgment of the Information Disclosure Statement filed on October 14, 2003. It is further requested that confirmation of consideration of the references cited in the Information Disclosure Statement of October 14, 2003 be provided by the return of an initialed copy of the form PTO-1449, which accompanied

the Information Disclosure Statement. For the Examiner's convenience, attached is a copy of the Information Disclosure Statement and of the PTO-1449 as filed.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington, D.C. office by telephone at (202) 530-1010 All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address given below.

Respectfully submitted,



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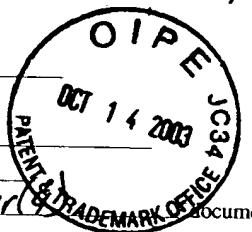
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Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. Copies of the listed Japanese references are also enclosed.

A concise explanation of relevance for the non-English documents may be found at pages 2-4 of the specification.

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U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

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## FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

	DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	COUNTRY	CLASS	SUBCLASS	TRANSLATION YES/NO/ OR ABSTRACT
	57-58872	12/11/1982	Japan			No
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## OTHER DOCUMENT(S) (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)

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